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OF THE

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AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1964

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OF.....THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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YEAR - 1964

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To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report on
the health of the district for the year 1964.

The vital statistics compare very favourably
with those for England and Wales and do not call for any special
comments. The incidence of notifiable diseases remained at a
low level.

The Northallerton and The Dales Water Board were
responsible for water supplies during the year.

Progress in re-housing and building continued
on a satisfactory scale.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

H. Diggles.

November 1965

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION (A)

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

GENERAL STATISTICS

(a)	Area(in Acres)	71697
	Population(Registrar General's estimate of resident population - mid-year 1964	6260
	Population - (1931) census	6851
	Population - (1951) census	6423
	Population - (1961) census	6138
	Number of Inhabited houses (1951)	1871
	Number of Inhabited houses (1964)	1997
	Rateable value of district.....	£143523
	Product of ld rate.....	£560

(b)

VITAL STATISTICS (as supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit:	Illegit:	Total	Legit:	Illegit:
Live births	51	50	1	34	32	2
Still-births	-	-	-	-	-	-

INFANT DEATHS

Under 1 year	
Under 4 weeks	
Under 1 week	

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of Deaths	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, other	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	3	4	7
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	5	11
Coronary disease, angina.	8	4	12
Hypertension with heart disease.	-	2	2
Other heart disease.	5	4	9
Other circulatory disease.	4	2	6
Pneumonia.	3	1	4
Bronchitis.	3	1	4
Nephritis & nephrosis.	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate.	1	-	1
Other defined & ill-defined diseases.	-	1	1
All other accidents.	3	1	4
Suicide.	1	-	1
Homicide & operations of war.	1	-	1
Total deaths - all causes	40	29	69

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT - 1948

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act, which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION (B)

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Details of the Staff are given at the beginning of the Report.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply Ambulance Services from their stations at Northallerton and Bainbridge.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Local Hospital Accommodation is provided by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents in the Leyburn Area receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Darlington and Harrogate Hospitals.

NURSING IN THE HOMES

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council, with day to day administration being dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Committee. Four District nurse/midwives operate in the area.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

This is provided by the County Council, the day to day administration being dealt with by the Area Health Sub-Committee through the Medical Officer.

SECTION (C)

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious diseases notified	Males	Females	Total
Measles.....	8	10	18
Pneumonia.....	5	1	6
Whooping cough.....	1	-	1
Scarlet fever.....	1	-	1
Food poisoning.....	-	1	1

SECTION (D)

WATER SUPPLIES

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

S A N I T A R Y

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR

THE YEAR - 1964

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To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS OF THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my twenty-eighth Annual Report in conjunction with that of the Medical Officer of Health.

Over the years, steady progress has continued towards our goal of main drainage in every village and this will in the near future be achieved.

More house owners improved their houses with the aid of grants during the year. Private house building proceeded normally.

I am indebted to Mr. A. W. Madin who now deals with all housing matters, for the figures relating to housing, also for the help he has given me in other matters during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Walter Sutton.

November 1965

Public Health Inspector & Surveyor.

W A T E R S U P P L I E S

The water supply has been well maintained and generally satisfactory in quality and quantity. The Northallerton and Dales Water Board have the responsibility of providing and maintaining the water supplies in the whole of Wensleydale.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Twenty two samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton, of these eleven were free from any contamination at all

The Sowden Beck and Cranehow Bottom give supplies that are liable to act upon lead pipes and so we do not allow anyone to use these pipes. Copper tubes are always recommended and occasionally plastic and galvanised tubes are laid.

The Water Board were notified of the Bacteriological reports upon the samples submitted and they stepped up the output of Chlorine from the machines responsible immediately. Later, samples were again taken and found to be satisfactory.

W A T E R

The number of dwellings with water laid on from public mains etc. including parish undertakings is as follows:-

Parish	Number of dwellings in parish	Number of houses with mains water inside	Houses using outside stand pipes	Houses with private water laid on (mainly farms)
Agglethorpe-with-Coverham	27	-	-	27
Akebar	9	9	-	-
Arrathorne	18	18	-	-
Barden	16	14	1	1
Bellerby	103	100	-	3
Caldbergh-with-East Scrafton	17	12	-	5
Carlton Highdale	54	25	-	29
Carlton Town	62	58	-	4
Castle Bolton	33	-	-	33
Constable Burton	50	45	-	5
East Witton-out	24	-	-	24
East Witton-in	74	65	2	7
Finghall	36	34	-	2
Garriston	6	1	-	5
Harmby	73	69	1	3
Hauxwell-east	20	18	-	2
Hauxwell-west	6	6	-	-
Hornby	33	26	-	7
Hunton	129	119	-	10
Hutton Hang	6	6	-	-
Leyburn	477	473	-	4
Melmerby	22	-	-	22
Middleham	258	255	-	3
Newton-le-Willows	104	104	-	-
Patrick Brompton	42	42	-	-
Preston-under-Scar	66	64	2	-
Redmire	77	77	-	-
Spennithorne	54	34	-	20
Thornton Steward	59	59	-	-
Wensley	62	17	-	45
West Scrafton	22	-	-	22
West Witton	133	101	-	32
	2172	1851	6	315

HOUSING STATISTICS - 1964

The number of dwellings erected during the year by private enterprise numbered - 12. The total number of private dwellings erected since 1945 is now - 129.

The Council did not erect any dwellings during the year. The number of dwellings owned by the Council and built since 1945 remains at 256. Previous to 1945 the Council had erected 16 dwellings and so the total number is - 272.

DETAILS OF HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

(by private enterprise)

December 1964

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No.</u>
Bellerby	1
Finghall	1
Harmby	1
Hunton	1
Leyburn	6
Melmerby	1
Middleham	1
Thornton Steward	1
West Witton	1
Total=	<u>14</u>

HOUSING

DETAILS OF HOUSES ERECTED BY - LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Parish	4.B.R.	3.B.R.	2-B.R.	Bungalows	Total
Arrathorne	1	3	-	-	4
Bellerby	-	12	-	-	12
Constable Burton	-	10	-	-	10
East Witton	-	4	-	-	4
Finghall	-	12	-	-	12
Harmby	-	6	-	-	6
Hunton	-	10	-	4	14
Leyburn (Maythorne)	-	66	-	-	66
Leyburn (Woodside)	-	6	3	8	17
Leyburn (The Nurseries)	-	4	-	8	12
Middleham	-	36	16	8	60
Newton-le-Willows	-	2	4	4	10
Patrick Brompton	-	2	-	-	2
Preston	1	2	-	-	3
Redmire	-	6	-	-	6
Spennithorne	-	14	-	2	16
Thornton Steward	-	4	-	-	4
Wensley	-	4	-	-	4
West Witton	1	7	-	2	10
Total =	3	210	23	36	272

HOUSING

Number of housing inspections made during the year	603
Number of houses visited during the year.	201
Number of houses in which defects were made good.	
(a) after informal notice	65
(b) after formal notice	1
Number of houses which were found to be unfit, but capable of repair.	78
Number of houses which were unfit for human habitation	3
Houses closed ,,,	1
Houses demolished ,,, 	nil

HOUSING ACT - 1959

and Amendment Acts -1961-1964

GRANTS

Number of houses improved by means of a Grant:-

(a) Standard Grant 	51
(b) Discretionary Grant	4

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

Number of licensed sites 	5
Total caravans allowed on licensed sites. 	140
Total number of these occupied during winter months. ...	6
Number of inspections. 	17

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

Carlton and Melmerby householders are now enjoying main drainage. Redmire and Castle Bolton scheme is nearing completion. Thornton Steward scheme was well in hand at the end of December 1964. The Hauxwell scheme was prepared and the recommended Contractor was awaiting Ministry approval when 1964 ended.

We have now reached a stage when all our villages are sewered and there only remains the scattered parishes that cannot be sewered economically. Septic tanks appear to be the only answer, most of our farms already have these.

Improvements to some of our present works are now necessary. Constable Burton, East Witton, Leyburn and Middleham are all to have attention in the near future. Constable Burton has only septic tank treatment.

Leyburn Works were laid down in 1907 and were enlarged in 1926, since then they have merely been repaired from time to time. They are functioning very well, it is seldom that the filtered effluent when analysed is classified unsatisfactory. The tanks and filters are hopelessly overworked during wet weather, they were originally designed to take six times the dry weather flow, but to-day the smallest rain shower brings the storm tanks into use.

At Middleham, the works are too small also, but here a scheme of improvements is being prepared. East Witton has a land irrigation scheme that can be easily converted to a tank filter and humus tank scheme. Our Engineer is preparing plans and a schedule of the necessary works.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

Details of village sewerage arrangements are set out hereunder.

Parish	Dwellings and other buildings served	Outlying properties not served
Arrathorne	14	3
Bellerby	97	6
Carlton Town	54	8
Carlton Highdale	22	21
Castle Bolton	24	9
Constable Burton	38	12
Finghall	29	7
Harmby	65	8
Hornby	24	9
Hunton	109	20
Leyburn	460	17
Melmerby	20	2
Middleham	252	6
Newton-le-Willows	92	8
Patrick Brompton	38	4
Preston-under-Scar	59	7
Redmire	75	3
Spennithorne	52	2
Thornton Steward	46	13
Wensley	50	12
East Witton Town	58	16
West Witton	119	14
Total =	1797	207

P L A N S

67 Plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table below.:-

	New build- ings	Alter- ations to dwellings	Garages & Sheds	Cow. sheds & dairies	Other build- ings	Total
Arrathorne	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bellerby	2	-	1	-	-	3
Carlton Town	-	1	-	1	-	2
Constable Burton	-	-	-	3	1	4
East Witton -in	-	3	-	1	-	4
East Witton-out	-	1	-	-	-	1
Finghall	1	-	-	-	-	1
Harmby	1	1	2	1	-	5
Hunton	1	1	1	-	-	3
Hornby	-	-	-	1	-	1
Leyburn	7	1	6	-	5	19
Melmerby	-	2	-	-	-	2
Middleham	2	1	1	1	1	6
Newton-le-Willows	-	1	-	-	1	2
Patrick Brompton	-	1	1	1	-	3
Redmire	-	-	1	-	1	2
Thornton Steward	1	1	-	-	1	3
West Scrafton	-	1	-	1	-	2
West Witton	1	1	-	-	1	3
Total	16	16	13	10	12	67

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT - 1959

Fifty five applications by house owners to improve their dwellings with the aid of a grant were approved by the Council.

Fifty one Standard Grants were paid upon completion of the approved works.

Five Discretionary Grants were paid also.

The average Standard Grant per dwelling again worked out at - £91 - 0 - 0. The five Discretionary Grants paid averaged - £295 - 0 - 0 per dwelling. Many more owners are now taking advantage of these Improvement Grants. Since the coming into operation of the 1959 Act, three hundred and sixty two grant schemes have been approved.

MEAT INSPECTION

The are seven butcher's shops in the rural district. Five of these butchers now buy their meat from the large abbatoirs in adjoining districts, with the result that there has been a 50% drop in the number of animals killed in our two privately owned slaughterhouses. The animals passing into these two slaughterhouses are all reared locally and the meat is of good quality. All meat is inspected on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in each week.

CARCASSES AND OFFALS INSPECTED DURING - 1964

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	164	1	461	115
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<u>CONDEMNATIONS</u>				
Whole carcasses	-	-	-	1
Parts of carcasses or organs	15 109 lbs	-	2 8 lbs	2 116 lbs

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

	Inspections	Inform- al Notices	Not complied with	Statu- tory Notices	Not complied with
Council's works	861	5	-	-	-
Housing	663	15	-	1	1
Slaughterhouses	180	1	-	-	-
Dairies	1	-	-	-	-
Public Health Acts	736	22	-	1	-
Food Hygiene	209	4	1	-	-
	2650	47	1	2	1

F O O D

The total number of food premises of all kinds in the district is 74 - made up as follows:-

Bakers	2	Cafes	7
Grocery	25	Fish	1
Sweets	2	Grocers (green)	5
Hotels	23	Confectioners	9

FOOD & DRUGS ACT - 1955

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the above Act is as follows:-

Butchers	7
Fish friers	1
Ice cream retailers	34

MILK & DAIRIES ACT - 1954

The number of Dairies registered under this Act is 3

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS - 1955-6

All premises used for the handling, preparing or selling of food were visited during the year. I found little to complain about so far as cleanliness of the premises was concerned. The workers also were generally satisfactory. I had reason to complain about the state of the storage rooms at two premises, but these were quickly put in order. More shopkeepers are installing refrigerator cabinets. Not all of them make the best use of these fittings.

M I L K

Bottling of tuberculin tested milk is undertaken at three dairies in the district. None of our retailers handle ordinary milk. In the smaller villages and hamlets, householders obtain their supplies direct from farmer producers by arrangement with the authorities.

DISPOSAL OF UNSOUND FOOD

Food found to be unfit for human consumption and surrendered by shop keepers and others is destroyed by burning. Unsound meat from the slaughterhouses is taken away by contractors each Wednesday. It is processed and converted into fertilisers and animal foods. During the year the following articles of food from retail shops and other premises were dealt with and destroyed.

Boneless ham	4 tins	42 lbs.
Other meat	-	56 lbs.

PUBLIC CLEANSING
REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

As usual our team of three men carried out their tasks in all kinds of weather quite well with their customary good humour. The average number of premises at which they call daily to pick up bins is - 287. A five day week is worked and the lorry is cleansed and greased on one afternoon each week.

Tips are levelled and left tidy after each load is tipped. Three loads per working day are taken to our tips of which there are four- namely - Preston, Middleham, Lingy Hill and West Witton.

The latter is a very poor one and is used as little as possible. In windy weather, its exposed position results in the refuse being blown about into adjacent fields. The total cost of the service for 1964 was £3148 - 0 - 0.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

Twenty one householders requested the service of out tank emptying machine during the year. When not engaged on this work it is employed to clear sludge from various tanks and drying beds at several of our sewage works.

RODENT CONTROL

In addition to maintaining sewage works, emptying cesspools, clearing blocked sewers and drains, our sewage works attendants undertake rat poisoning in private premises, at sewage works and our refuse tips. Inspections and Treatments are as follows:-

Number of domestic premises inspected	23
Number of treatments carried out to above	8
Number of treatments carried out on other premises.	11

The sewerage systems in Leyburn and Middleham were treated by Messrs. Tubbs & Son, a firm of rat catchers, early in March. A total of 60 sewer manholes were treated with bait. In 45 of these, the baits were taken on three successive days. There has been a noticeable drop in the number of rats at the Leyburn and Middleham Sewage Works since this work was carried out.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT - 1963

REGISTRATIONS & INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number on Register	Inspections
Offices	12	14
Retail shops	30	35
Warehouses	2	2
Catering establishments	8	9
Fuel Depots	-	-
	52	60

ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYEES

Class of premises	Number employed		Total
	Males	Females	
Offices	23	32	55
Shops	20	63	83
Warehouses	4	-	4
Catering establishments	-	37	37

FACTORIES ACTS - 1937/1959

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Section 1.2. 3.4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	36	6	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	-	-	-	-

